

Face Was Absolutely Strange

The train was whistling for a stop, and was going to stop not more than a mile or two away.
Instinctively I felt for my watch, but there was nothing of the sort in my pocket. I was disappointed, for though only half conscious of the reason why, I wanted to know what time the train came in. Suddenly an excellent opportunity occurred to me. The sun was shining through my windows at an acute angle with the casement. With my thumb nail I scratched on the sill the outline of the shadow.
Some one was standing outside my door, watching me, no doubt, through the keyhole. An involuntary movement of his feet betrayed so much to me, and a moment later, restless of espionage, I crossed over to the farther corner of the room.
In doing so I caught a glimpse of another movement, and looking up I saw what I wonder I had not thought of looking for earlier—a mirror. The sight of it made my heart beat quickly.
"Of course," I thought, "that is all it needs. A glance at myself will bring my memory back to me."
I walked around and stood before the glass. But the face I saw was absolutely strange to me, as strange as the doctor's face or the guard's had been. It was bewildering, uncanny, almost enough indeed to drive a man mad, to see the haggard look of pain and disappointment and something not far from terror in that stranger's face; and to realize that it was only the irrepressible emotion of my own soul that I saw reflected there.
Then, like a touch of the spur, rallying all my courage anew, there came the faint sound of a chuckling laugh from the other side of the door. In standing before the mirror I had again come under the observation of

The Resourcefulness of Sue

Sue was a typewriter and Ethelinda sold lovely laces in a big shop. They lived in an apartment that had plenty of closet room—five rooms and bath, to be exact. Sue usually stopped on the way home and bought two lamb chops and a head of lettuce. If it was the beginning of the week, or five cents' worth of stew meat and no lettuce, if it was toward the end of the week, near pay day. Sue was generally the one to negotiate the purchases because she left the office at five and came up town on an express train, while Ethelinda's shop didn't close until six.
Now, upon a certain evening they had invited Marie and Ralph to dine with them. They could say "dine," because they intended to turn in the necks of their shirt waists and wear their near-brussels lace collars and because Marie was going to bring over her finger bowls. It behooved Sue to shut up her typewriter on the very stroke of five, therefore, even if the manager passed her the glance of a trapeze, and make all possible speed to the express train.
She had the list of dinner items complete. Chops, bread, lettuce (oh, this was Monday evening), corn on the ear, a meringue pie and some berries for dessert. She looked like the Goddess of Plenty as she reached the door of the flat house.
She had to put down the chops, the bread and the lettuce on the floor of the vestibule while she dug in her bag for the keys.
Keys? Keys? Here was her pen-knife, her handkerchief, a pencil, three hairpins, some chewing gum, a powder puff, a nail file, a mirror and her list of dinner supplies—but no keys. Clearly she must have left them at the office in her hurry. Now, here was indeed a pretty how-doe!

ATE THE "DOCTORED" MELON.

Gow's Glimpse of High Life That Forever Gave Her a Distaste for Ordinary Things.
On the honeysuckle-wreathed porch in the pleasant twilight the farmer told to his city boarder's stories, more or less true, of country life.
"That cow Sukey of mine," he said, "won't touch watermelon unless it's champagne-soaked, New York style. Think of that now!"
The boarder thought of it with a good deal of cynical laughter.
"It came about like this," the farmer resumed. "I had a broker here last year who got very sweet on a young lady boarder, the daughter of a divine. Hearing the girl say she loved watermelon, the broker selected a splendid fruit himself in at the township, brought it home, injected a full quart bottle of the best champagne into it, and put it in the icebox for dinner."
"It seems the cook, when she sliced open the melon—the injection had left no scars—smelt the liquor and thought the thing was spoiled. So, saying nothing, she tossed it into the swillbox in the garden."
"There old Sukey found it. She was wiser than the cook. She soon finished it off, look, stock and barrel. Then she staggered to a shady tree, lay down, and snored like a cheap motor car for seven or eight hours."
The farmer removed a bit of straw from his whiskers.
"She woke up in a wretched temper, but she won't look at an ordinary doctored melon since that day," he said.—Buffalo Express.

ATHLETICS AND "THE GATE."

Some Possibility That the Latter is Out of Place on University Playing Fields.
When one figures up how many professors could be paid, or how many students assisted, if \$107,397.20 could be divided up among them, the expenditure of that sum at Yale last year on what are called "the four major sports" seems large. That particular sports, however, could hardly have been secured for any except the uses to which it was put, and as from those same sports there were receipts amounting to \$110,886.34, the financial showing, as such, is satisfactory, or at least better than it would have been with the balance on the other side of the ledger. The boys who handled these big sums, too, showed by keeping within their income that they are getting out of athletics a certain amount of business training.
It is noticeable, looking at the matter from this point of view, that only football was profitable. Baseball comes out only a little better than even, but rowing and track sports had to be debited with heavy losses. The business man would therefore say, "Drop rowing and track sports, continue baseball under a suspended sentence, and devote redoubled attention to football." That nothing of the kind will be done or even considered is proof that the whole idea of combining business with sport is somehow wrong, and that the amateurs who attempt it are verging toward professionalism so far as their financing is sound.
The ideal method would be to make nothing at all out of sports, but to consider the money spent on them, not as a loss, but as the price of physical development and innocent amusements, both of which are worth buying and paying well for. "The state," some observers would help thinking, is out of place on university playing fields. All the abuses and excesses of athletics are due to it, or related to it, and without it most of them would disappear.

MESSINA'S ONE-LEGGED HERO

Cripple Who Rose to Heights of Heroism During the Disaster to Italian City.
A young man, a cripple, with only one leg, clambering with a crutch among the ruins, saved scores of people, says a writer in McClure's, giving an account of the Messina earthquake. Untriflingly he searched among the wreckage, he brought back to us everything he could find; he took bits of chocolate out of his mouth to put into the mouth, forever open, of crying children. A marvel in truth, was the forethought of this man. Where did he unearth a crate of apples? He hid them, he defended them from the violence of the greedy; and through the night he went among the huts, distributing quarters of apples to each one of us in his turn, with calculating parsimony, with implacable justice. He explored the ruined city in every direction, to find a way to escape, to open a road for us. We could see him hinging like a mountain goat over the edge of frightful precipices. At night he never rested unless it were to make a pillow for himself for those who did not know where to lay their heads, amid the mire, the blood and the ruin. The name of this hero is Salvatore Stettario.

WONDERFUL WEAPON OF WAR.

Immense Possibilities in New Machine of Destruction, but Both Sides Are Involved.
Mr. Francis Bowles, president of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, recently chief constructor of the United States navy, relates a good story, showing the humorous side of the daily life of the head of a big shipbuilding concern.
A perfectly normal-looking man recently called on Mr. Bowles at his office and explained at some length that he was an inventor possessing an invention which would revolutionize modern warfare. Thinking that the easiest way to be rid of his unwelcome guest would be to hear him out, Mr. Bowles ordered the gentleman to outline this modern engine of war as a torpedo whose course and speed were to be arranged, directed and controlled from the firing ship, at a distance of several miles, so that said torpedo would navigate itself nicely into the middle of an enemy's formation. On arrival at this point a key touched on the firing ship would detonate the high explosive contained in this new torpedo, causing a hole in the sea of 500 feet depth and proportionate diameter.
Into this "hole" the enemy's fleet was to drop accommodately. The closing of the waters would form a wave of a hundred feet in height, which would swamp any opponent so fortunate as to avoid being dropped "in the hole." The inventor did not mention the effect of said wave on the "home talent" anxiously awaiting the outcome on the firing ship. Upon the lack of a proper show of enthusiasm by Mr. Bowles the caller regarded him disapprovingly, but brightened considerably as he was about to leave by offering the chief a thirty-day option on his invention.

Missing Islands.

It is reported that the Nimrod, the stout little ship that carried Lieut. Shackleton and his men to Antarctica, has accepted a commission that will lengthen her homeward voyage by a few weeks. She is going to search for some missing islands. They are on the map, but whether they are actually in existence is very doubtful. A group bearing her own name—the Nimrods—was searched for in 1851 and could not be found. Another, the Emerald—not our Hibernian sister—has not been seen since 1841, when it was described as possessing "lofty, high peaked mountains." "Doughty Island" has not been sighted for half a century. Possibly the convivial mariners of a bygone generation, surveying the horizon through capacious tumblers, occasionally fancied they saw islands as well as sea serpents.

Sportive Prospects.

"You have settled a liberal allowance on your titled son-in-law?" "I have," answered Mr. Cumrox.
"Do you think he can manage to keep out of debt?"
"I dunno about that. One of us is bound to feel more or less pinched. Which it is will probably depend on whether I can persuade him to play poker or he can induce me to try bac-

A Literary Note.

Summer Boarder (just arrived from Boston).—What are the six best sellers in this locality?
Farmer Stubblegrass.—That depends on whether you want to store potatoes or elder in 'em.—Puck.

RIVERVIEW EXPOSITION

Chicago's Big Show Breaks All World's Fair Records in Attendance and Splendor.
All world's records in attendance have been broken by Riverview Exposition, Chicago's latest and greatest show.
Although the turning point of one-half the season has not yet arrived more than 5,000,000 persons have passed through the turnstiles. Before the season ends it is estimated 10,000,000 will have revelled in the mystery, splendor and delights of this magnificent exhibition. Allowing the big city on the lake one-half of the past attendance there remain 2,500,000 out-of-town visitors—more than ever visited any other world's fair in any country.



Col. William F. Coady, "Dumbo Bill" and Pawnee Bill, with their "Congress of Nations," recently celebrated the birthday anniversary of the veteran scout on the Exposition grounds.
The accompanying picture of the renowned plainsman was caught by a staff photographer. The two pretty "trompetters," mounted on elephants, played within range of the camera.
The big mounted trumpets and their intelligent big mounts which blew great blasts on bell-like trumpets were an octette that rang rare melody throughout the Expo forests.
The grandeur and spectacular beauty of the Exposition is typified by a night scene of the entrance of "Creation" building.
The beautiful facade of "Creation" with its Titanic "Guardian Angel" gleams with thousands of vari-colored lights. Over the main arch is an iridescent glow of rainbow brilliance, the source of which the uninitiated cannot discover. The marbled edifice with its opalescent festoons, flashes and falls of illuminant beauty is reflected in a crystal lake, out of which spouts prismatic sprays and fountains of cooling mists. Calhoun rush downward from aerial heights above the angel into the foaming waters.
The reverential dramas, "Creation," "Doomsday" or "End of the World," another great exhibit: "The Passion Play" or "Life of Christ," and "The Temptation of St. Anthony," produced on a grand scale, are but three of the thousands of extraordinary attractions in the buildings of this wonderful exposition. All car lines in Chicago lead to its gates.



HARVEST THE YEAR ROUND.

Fruits of the Earth are Being Garnered Continually.
"Our Thanksgiving celebrates the garnering of the harvest," said a clergyman, "and a fine poetic festival it is. But did it ever occur to you how various are the harvest times of the different nations of the world?"
"January is the harvest month of the Chileans, of the Australians, the Argentine folk and the New Zealanders."
"February is the harvest of India—February and a part of March."
"The Egyptians, the Persians and the Syrians harvest in April, while the Chinese, the Japanese, the Moroccans and the Algerians harvest in May."
"The Spanish, Greek and Italian harvest time is June; the Russian and Austrian is July; the English, German, Dutch and Canadian is August; the Scandinavian, Scottish and Welsh is September, while the northwesternmost part of Russia, Norway and Sweden do not gather their harvest until October."

Dwarf Trees as Ornaments.

French horticulturists have apparently been very successful of late in raising dwarf trees, and one of the features of dinner parties among the rich now is to serve the fruit upon the tree.

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To the owner or owners of any and all interests in the land herein described and to the mortgagee or mortgagees named in all undischarged recorded mortgages against said land or any assignee thereof of record.
Take Notice, That said land has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the county in which the land lies of all sums paid upon such purchase together with one hundred per cent additional thereon and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of declaration as commencement of suit and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment is not made in full within the time assigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.
State of Michigan County of Crawford.
Description, Lot No. 3, Block No. 26, Rouses addition to the Village of Grayling, Michigan.
Amount necessary to redeem \$69.00 plus the fees of the sheriff.
ROSA JOSEPH
Place of business, Grayling, Mich. Dated August 14th, A. D. 1909.
Office of
Sheriff of Crawford County.
Grayling, Mich., August 16, 1909.
I hereby certify and return that after careful enquiry, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of John A. Wright or the heirs, or the whereabouts or postoffice address of the executor, administrator or trustee or guardian of said John A. Wright.
CHARLES W. AMIDON
Sheriff of Crawford County.
Fees \$1.10. aug19-09

Fire Alarm Calls.

Directions for turning in Alarm.
Break glass and turn the lever once around until it stops; you can only turn it one way. Do not turn in a second time, until lever has stopped moving.
No. of Box Where Located.
19—Michigan and Peninsular Avenues, near Olson's drug store.
28—Michigan Avenue and Spruce east of Court House.
32—Michigan Avenue and Norway St. M. C. R. Depot.
37—St. Ottawa Street, at House.
43—Ogemaw and Cedar streets, near McKay House.
46—Spruce and Iowa streets, near Julius Nelson's house.
54—Michigan Ave. and Park street near Chris Hanson's house.
55—Ogemaw and Maple streets near John Hanson's house.
64—Salling Hanson Co., Planing mill.
73—Salling, Hanson Co., Band mill.
82—Kerry, Hanson, Flooring mill.
91—Railroad Reserve, south side on Electric light pole.
The whistle will blow off the number after the general alarm has been given.

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Society Meetings.

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Pastor Rev. H. H. Merriman. Preaching, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m. Epworth League, 6:00 p. m. Bible Study, 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 p. m. All cordially invited to attend the above services.
Presbyterian Church.
Regular church services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service, 9:30 a. m. at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock. Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming, Pastor.
Methodist Protestant Church.
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Rev. P. Kjolhaed, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 9 a. m. Biblical Lecture Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

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Services every first and third Sunday of the month. Confession on the preceding Saturday. On Sunday, Mass at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. School at 9:30 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7 o'clock p. m. J. J. Hies, Pastor.

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M.

Meets in regular communication on Thursday evening on or before the full or 7 o'clock.
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Women's Relief Corps, No. 162.

Meets on the second and fourth Saturdays at 8 o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of Mrs. BIODA EVERETT, President.
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Meets every third Tuesday in each month, at 8 o'clock.
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Meets first and third Friday of each month.
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Meets the second and fourth Friday evening in each month.
MIRIAM HARRINGTON, President.
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Meets at I. O. O. F. Hall, first and third Saturday of each month at 1 p. m.
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M. W. O. A. Camp No. 10428.

Meets alternate Thursday evenings at G. A. R. Hall on or before the full or 7 o'clock.
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Meets every Monday evening.
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Meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Macedonia Hall.
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the man at the keyhole. The same bewildered, disappointed face which I had seen, he had seen, too.
I dropped down on the edge of my bed and buried my face in my hands. I heard footsteps tiptoeing away from my door, and then in a moment, as I half expected, returning noisily.
"Come in," said I, in answer to the knock.
It was the doctor, but this time the doctor with his manner all prepared. It was at once good humored and patronizing.
"Well, my good man," said he, "I hope you feel no further ill effects from that warm June sun."
"No," said I, "I guess I'm right enough."
Then, by way of experiment, I shot a quick question at him.
"Is this my room, the room I have lived in right along?"
His face seemed to stiffen a little in its false mask of kindly humor.
"Of course," he said; "but you must not expect to remember anything about that. You have been, as I said before, only half conscious since you came here. It would be altogether extraordinary if you were to recognize the room or the building or any of our faces. But does nothing come back from beyond that time; nothing that happened before your accident?"
"I shook my head dully.
"What did you tell me I was?" I asked.—From O. Cabot's "Man Without a Shadow."—(Appleton's).

Sleepwalker Close to Death.

Dreaming that there were burglars in the house, Miss Nellie, daughter of School Director Elissa Moore of Upland, Pa., got up and after divesting her bed of the coverings removed a number of household articles from the room. Mr. Moore, awakened by the noise, concluded that the "We are coming" gang had arrived, and armed himself with a revolver, proceeded to investigate. He mistook his daughter, who was walking through the hallway for a burglar, and was about to shoot, after warning the supposed intruder to stop when Miss Moore awoke and shouted: "Don't shoot, father! It is only me." Another second's silence and she would have been a dead woman.

Smoke Waste.

A direct authority calculates the direct physical loss to this country through the emission of smoke from chimneys at \$600,000,000 a year.

THE HOUSE OF DREAMS

A house not built by mortals,
In summer days or fairs;
Which opens to the portals
An sweet with flower and vine.

Complete it is, spacious—
Such airy hall and room,
And welcome ever gracious
Breathes from its walls of bloom.

Free music made by fountains,
By brooks and birds and gales;
My epics are the mountains,
My lyrics are the vales.

Freezes on every ceiling
Painted by Horn and Night,
And every niche revealing
Some treasure of delight.

Wine that is clear and sunny
My grays cellars hold,
And jars heaped full of honey
And cups of fragrant gold.

Many a leafy, fragrant
Above my slumber streams:
I am God's happy tenant
In this dear house of dreams—
—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

The Parson's Thief

It was on the third night of the new moon that Gerald Allton, musing on his sermon in the darkness of his study, beheld from the window something white moving in the garden.

As Allton's garden was a vegetable garden, he thought fearfully of something sinfully trampling on his salads, and he rose hastily. Standing just behind the window shutter he decided, however, that a dog would be shorter, a horse taller, and he did not believe in ghosts.

He went into the hall, took his hat from the rack and stepped softly over the threshold.

As his footsteps sounded on the gravel of the path the white object moved from the middle of the garden and fled. He heard the click of the gate and then silence.

"Hum!" mused the rector, and bent over his lettuce bed. "A thief," he said as he straightened up.

The next morning a fuller investigation showed that there had been depredations of onions and radishes. But the minister said nothing to his housekeeper; Common thieves do not come garbed in white, nor are they of slender outline and graceful.

The rector had no unusual powers of penetration, but it had not taken him many moments to decide that the spoiler of his garden was a woman.

"But why," he debated the next night as he finished his sermon, "why should a woman steal—a lady, I am sure, by the grace of her carriage—why should she steal my little onions and my lettuce?"

But all the wisdom of the Scriptures did not answer his question. And after his sermon was finished, he again turned out his light and sat in the darkness of his study.

And again, as he mused, he saw a patch of white at the end of the garden. Breathless he watched, and closer came the ghostly figure, until it stood just beneath his window.

Then a voice said: "I have come to pay for the vegetables."

"Oh!" His usual readiness of speech had forsaken the clergyman. "Oh, I beg your pardon."

"No, you needn't beg it," the voice said again. "I picked some lettuce and things last night, and here is the money. It wasn't a very conventional way to go to market, but we wanted a salad, and—"

The rector, peering over the sill, caught the sparkle in her eyes as she made her half apology.

"You needed your salad late," he said, dryly.

"Ah," her little laugh rippled out. "Think of my predicament. Some people came on the last train—hungry and there was nothing in the house but eggs. You see, I am such a new housekeeper—we came only yesterday—and Susanne, my maid, forgets to tell me when things are done, and the shops are so far away—so, while she made an omelette, I flew into your garden—and—now, I am back, and no one was the wiser."

"I saw you," the rector informed her, "and I thought you were a thief."

"Oh!" There was a little gasp. "It did look like it, didn't it? But you see I have brought the money, and the silver glittered on the sill as she spread it out before him.

"No," the rector protested, "you are perfectly welcome to anything you care to take."

"Oh, but you must—" there was a note of alarm in her voice, "because I should feel as if I had stolen if I am not allowed to pay."

He was smiling down at her. "You can pay me by giving me a rose from your garden," he said.

"Why don't you have roses of your own?" she demanded.

He sighed. "I hardly dare allow myself the luxury. It is cheaper to raise one's vegetables than to buy them."

"I suppose," doubtfully, "that your living is not a very good one?"

"No, but there are donations," his eyes twinkled.

"Such as roses?" she was laughing up at him. The moonlight touched her hair with gold. Gerald Allton's pulses began to beat.

"May I come over some time and walk with you in your rose garden?" he asked.

"Come now," was the quick response.

He went, and it was the beginning of friendship.

"He is lovely," Constance confided to her aunt, who had come up to her niece's country house for the purpose of chaperonage. "And he's in this village because he feels that he is needed here."

"Constance," the aunt warned, "don't get romantic over a country parson."

"He has the dearest little cottage," Constance replied, "with a vegetable garden. He sends over tomatoes and parsnips, and I put roses in his button-

THE PARSON'S THIEF

hole. It's very interesting," she sighed. "It may be tragic for him."

"Why?"

"If you made him love you—what then?"

"Well?" Constance's tone was defiant.

"You can't marry anyone but Herbert Wilcox."

Constance's eyes flashed. "I can! If I don't marry Herbert, I merely lose my inheritance. I don't deny that I love this old house, Aunt Anne. But did it ever occur to you that I might prefer a man to a fortune?"

"You would miss the fortune," was the quiet answer. "You were not made for love in a cottage, Constance."

But Constance had gone down the path.

She bent over a pink rose bush and picked a bud as Gerald Allton came in.

"Roses red and violets blue," she quoted. "Can you tell me the rest of it?"

"If you love me as I love you," he hesitated. "You mustn't make me say such things—"

"Why not?"

"Because, I have nothing to offer you but a cottage and a vegetable garden." He was looking down at her with somber eyes.

"And if I don't marry one Herbert Wilcox," she informed him, "I lose my fortune. As I won't marry him, so I am really homeless—and—please, I'd like to come and live in your cottage."

Aunt Anne's chagrin over the engagement found an outlet in a letter to Herbert Wilcox. "Come up and rescue Constance from her country parson," was the theme.

But when Herbert's answer came it was a revelation. "Of all things!" Aunt Anne ejaculated, when she had read it.

"What's the matter?" Constance asked.

"Read that," said Aunt Anne, tragically.

It was a brief epistle, but it was very extraordinary, no doubt, for Constance danced with joy and waved the letter crying, "Hurrah!"

"Of all things!" Aunt Anne ejaculated again.

Constance caught her breath quickly. "You mustn't tell Gerald," she said.

"Why not?"

"He won't marry me," Constance said mysteriously. "If he knows it," so they were married quietly, and went to live in the cottage, and Aunt Anne went home, and the big country house was closed, and the winter came and the roses were wrapped in winding sheets of straw.

"You will miss the rose garden next summer," said the parson, as he and his wife walked up the snowy path. "I wonder who will live here then?"

"The new tenants," said Constance, who, wrapped in a big cloak, was leaning on her husband's arm. "Are lively. There will be a young clergyman, a very handsome young clergyman, and a very, very loving little wife, Gerald."

"Constance," he bent down over her. "The house is mine. Herbert wrote to say that he loved someone else. He married first and forfeited his right, and I didn't want to tell you because you hated to have me rich—but don't you think it will be nice—for—for Gerald, Jr., to—to play in the rose garden—dearest?"—London Ideas.

OUR FLAG AT TOP OF WORLD.

By Dr. George Clark Peck.

Nothing shall be impossible unto you.—Matthew 17: 20.

There is a new flag at the top of the world. It pleases our vanity that it is the Stars and Stripes, but it might have been Dutch or English or Russian, and the lesson would be the same.

That new flag at the pole is man's flag. It is more than national; it belongs to mankind. It stands for the aspiring, bound-bursting, unconquerable spirit of man. And it is fresh illustration of the great phrase of this ancient scripture, which forbids us to write the word "impossible" against any undertaking.

Such is the first lesson of this new achievement. Who shall dare set limitation to man-flight or bounds to his ambition, or brake to his soul? Not only is it true that what man has done he can do, he can do more, because he is older and bolder and better. Some day he will ask a still greater thing than Peary and Cook have asked or won. He will push his banner to the top of his own soul and claim a change of its climate.

But what better off are we with a new flag at the pole? Not much, perhaps, according to the testimony. Yonder is no new territory worth annexing, no mines to work or furs to gather, or forests to cut. There is the satisfaction of being able to say: "I have arrived!" But there is more than that.

The results of such defiant daring are to be sought in man himself. He is larger for having essayed so much. His undertaking has helped to "make his soul," as the French say. It is this always. No pain or strain or heroism is wasted if it leave a "deposit from the unseen" in the soul of man.

This latest triumph is prophecy, too. It harbingers a day when earth shall be one neighborhood—no North or South, no East or West.

What the arctic explorer has done for geography the lover of mankind shall yet do for his race. We are still small, provincial, selfish. We are optimists, according to the sarcastic suggestion that "An optimist is a man who does not care what happens so long as it does not happen to him."

But that day must pass, will pass, is already passing. We are learning that no man liveth to himself or dieth to himself; that every man has a stake in every other man on earth; that we must open the world wide in order to save our own hearthstones intact.

Seven centuries before Christ a half naked prophet glimpsed a golden age in which the "wilderness and solitary place shall be glad and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

That bright prophecy is coming true. I don't know that Cook or Peary has shortened the path to its consummation. But the new flag at the top of the world says that nothing worth while is impossible.

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Pride goeth before a fall, according
to the proverb, but it often happens
that the fall does not take place as ex-
pected by the cynical observer. Mrs.
Benedict, for example, was very proud
of her daughter's attainments at school.
Mrs. Benedict herself had had little
schooling, but attempted to make up
for it by retelling Margaret's triumphs
to her friends.

One day the minister's wife was call-
ing.
"Yes, ma'am," Mrs. Benedict said, in
reply to a question, "Margaret is way
up in all her classes. I can tell you.
They've been reading Shakespeare's
plays lately, and Maggie's buying
that little edition one by one, so she
can have it at home. She keeps them
up in her room."
"Let me see, she's read 'Hamlet' and
—there was two more—oh, yes, one of
'em was 'Romeo' and the other 'Juliet'.
"I enjoy hearing her do them out
loud, Mrs. Bradley."

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ing, Irritating, Swelling for Two
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ble Plight—Cured by Cuticura.

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months. She became affected by play-
ing with children who had it. By
scratching she caused large sores
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a complete sore, but it was worse on
her arms and back. We employed a
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not help her and I tried several reme-
dies, but without avail. Seeing the
Cuticura Remedies advertised, I
thought I would try them. I gave her
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and anointed her body with Cuticura
Ointment. The first treatment relieved
the itching and in a short time the dis-
ease disappeared. Mrs. G. L. Fridhoff,
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Proprietors of Cuticura Remedies, Boston,
No. 30.

Only a Void.

Bertie—Here's another great chess
player whose brain has gone wrong.
I am glad I never took up the deuced
game.

Jane—But in your case, Bertie, I'm
quite sure there would be nothing to
go wrong.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

George's Discovery.

"George," said the Titan-haired
schoolmarm, "is there any connecting
link between the animal kingdom and
the vegetable kingdom?"
"Yeth, ma'am," answered George
promptly, "hash"—Everybody's.

Not on Democratic Principles.

Perhaps it may be laid down as a
general rule that a legislative assem-
bly, not constituted on democratic
principles, cannot be popular long af-
ter it ceases to be weak.—Macaulay.

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SPREADING THE MESSAGE.

One Plan Among Many the Postal
Company Has Adopted.

The extinction of the messenger-boy
joke is threatened. According to the
man who said so last night the reason
for it already has disappeared, for ac-
cording to this informant the legs of
3,000 bearers of telegrams in this city
are moving these days as they haven't
moved before since the invention of the
Morse code.

The explanation is that the Postal
Telegraph Company has been instal-
ling a new speed system, the New
York Sun says. The company would send a mes-
sage and get an answer in much
quicker time than the public has been
accustomed to. To do that it started
jacking up the part of the machinery
where the most time was wasted,
which part, the company cheerfully
admits, was the procrastinating mes-
senger boy.

Hereafter the boy will have only
one message at a time to care for in-
stead of the bundle that used to be
intrusted to him in the populous parts
of town. He will have five minutes
in which to deliver his telegram or
answer his call and get back to his
office. If he does the job in the five
minutes he will get half a cent extra
a message. If he fails he must ex-
plain to his boss. It's the extra half
cent that is expected to effect the boy's
conversion from the sinful state of re-
laxation which has brought him to the
attention of the comic papers.

A scheme for expediting traffic in
the telegraph offices also has been
adopted. Heretofore your message, be
it ever so urgent, has passed through
a dozen hands before it reached the
man who put it on the wire. Some of
those hands were overburdened, and
the method of getting the message to
the proper operator was clumsy. Un-
der the new system three persons at
the most will finger a dispatch. The
clerk who receives it from the sender
will fire it through a tube to the op-
erating room and the man at the other
end of the tube will hand it straight
to the operator on the proper wire.

Formerly the operators were scat-
tered around the big room in the Post-
al building and the messages went
through an elaborate process of sort-
ing and pigeonholing before they were
distributed to the right men. Now the
telegraphers who file for the big cities
are seated at a table in the form of a
hollow square. In the middle of the
square stands the man who gets the al-
lipsis from the tube. The second he
gets a message for somebody in Chi-
cago, say, he hands it to the chap who
is running a Chicago wire, and in an-
other second it is being transmitted.
If a message is delayed more than five
minutes in the operating room the
man in charge is called to account.
The Postal official who broke the
news to the Sun last night said the
average time from the moment a mes-
senger is called for in New York to the
moment a message is delivered in
Chicago is fifteen minutes. Word can
be rushed to Los Angeles and back in
forty minutes, and other cities in pro-
portion.

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ducer, manufactured by the Standard
Nitrogen Co. of New York, is a new
preparation designed to enrich the soil
and increase the food value of prod-
ucts through its wonderful fertilizing
element. By actual test it has been
proven that its use enormously in-
creases crops of all kinds and many
worn out and exhausted farms and
gardens can be made richer by its use.
While most fertilizers must be put into
the soil before sowing this can be
mixed with the seed just before it is
sown or applied to the soil at any
time while the plants are growing. It
has been used upon many large farms
and estates, notably those of Mrs. Rus-
sell Sage and J. P. Morgan, by seed-
men such as W. Atlee Burpee of Phila-
delphia, and by the United States Gov-
ernment.

Suspicious Liberty.

The subject of lawyers' fees having
been introduced, the lawyer from Bos-
ton told this story concerning a broth-
er attorney who once acted as counsel
for a man who had stepped in a hole
in the street and broken his leg. Lin-
coln's Magazine gives the tale cur-
rency.

Suit was brought against the city
in the sum of one thousand dollars,
and the case was won. The city ap-
pealed to the Supreme Court, but here
also the verdict was in favor of the in-
jured man.
After settling up the claim, the law-
yer handed his client a silver dollar.
"What is this for?" asked the man.
"That is what is left after taking
out my fee, the cost of appeal and other
expenses."
The man regarded the dollar a mo-
ment, then looked at his attorney.
"What is the matter with this?" he
asked. "Is it counterfeit?"

General Booth's dream is a fleet of

Salvation Army steamers carrying the
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and LIVER TROUBLES

Begin taking these Gold Medal Haarlem Oil
Capsules today. You will find relief com-
ing. No other Haarlem Oil is genuine.

Haarlem Medicine Co., Scranton, Pa.
Gentlemen: After giving you Gold Medal
Haarlem Oil Capsules a thorough trial, I find
them to be the best kidney and liver remedy
I have ever used. They have the good fortune to take,
and they are truly a blessing to mankind. I heart-
ily recommend them to all sufferers of weak
kidneys and liver to the comparative remedy.

W. H. WARREN, 144 Blocher St
New York, March 22, 1909.

Caution: Do not buy capsules per box. Bottle
like and seal of Gold Medal Haarlem Oil.
BOLLAND MEDICINE CO., Scranton, Pa.
Sole Importers.
If your druggist cannot supply you,
write at once.

MORE PINKHAM CURES

Added to the Long List due
to This Famous Remedy.

Camden, N.J.—"It is with pleasure
that I add my testimonial to your
already long list—hoping that it may
induce others to try this valuable medi-
cine, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable
Compound. I suffered from terrible
headaches, pain in my back and right
side, was tired and nervous, and so
weak I could hardly stand. Lydia E.
Pinkham's Vegetable Compound re-
stored me to health and made me feel like a new person,
and it shall always have my praise."
—Mrs. W. P. VALENTINE, 902 Lincoln
Avenue, Camden, N.J.

Gardiner, Me.—"I was a great suf-
ferer from a female disease. The doc-
tor said I would have to go to the
hospital for an operation, but Lydia E.
Pinkham's Vegetable Compound com-
pletely cured me in three months."
—Mrs. S. A. WILLIAMS, R. F. D. No. 14,
Box 93, Gardiner, Me.

Because your case is a difficult one,
doctors having done you no good,
do not continue to suffer without
giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable
Compound a trial. It surely has cured
many cases of female illness, such as in-
flammation, ulceration, displacements,
fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic
pains, backache, that bearing-down
feeling, indigestion, dizziness, and ner-
vous prostration. It costs but a trifle
to try it, and the result is worth mil-
lions to many suffering women.

Qualifying for the Service.

In his "Memoirs of Eighty Years,"
Dr. Gordon Hake, who was a nephew of
Gen. Charles Gordon, tells how he
won the approbation of his uncle, later
celebrated as the hero of Khartoum.
It was by a boyish feat which he
learned in his school days. Most boys
feel a vaulting ambition at that age,
but too few of them in later years ful-
fill its aims.

I may mention here, in taking leave
of my boyhood, that there was a bath
at Islington called Peerless Pool, to
which in summer the boys of the
school were sent to bathe.

It was a large mass of water, oblong
in shape, with a wide promenade.
There we would spend a whole after-
noon, sent there by the authorities
when the half-holiday was at hand.

There, to excite the wonder and ap-
plause of the other boys, I punished
myself by taking the longest run to
the water's edge that was obtainable
within the enclosure, and by leaping
somersault-fashion into the air to a
great height and reaching the water in
a seated posture.

In doing this I inflicted on myself
a punishment equal to that of being
flogged.

Being somewhat sheepish at the age
of fifteen, I did not stand very high
in the estimation of my uncle, General
Gordon, while staying with him at
Woolwich; but one day he took me
down to the Thames to bathe.

There was a platform, probably for
the soldiers to jump from into the
water. This afforded me a long run,
and I resolved on performing my feat.
My uncle was perfectly surprised at
it, and often alluded to it with sur-
prise in later years. After this display
of my pluck, he was much in favor of
my going into the army.

All the Conventions.

Mr. Stoptate had showed Miss Ter-
sleep all his limitations of famous or-
ators, and she had made a bluff at ap-
plauding. Then he asked, "Do you
think I ought to go on the stage?"
"Oh, you don't have to go on a stage,
if you're thinking of going," she an-
swered. "We are inside the city lim-
its, and an owl car goes every half
hour."
Shortly after that, he went.—Cleve-
land Leader.

Town with a Future.

"Paris is a wonderful center of so-
cial gaiety and popular excitement."
"Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox,
thoughtfully, "I should not be sur-
prised if Paris might one day claim
recognition as the Pittsburgh of
France."—Washington Star.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE

Agrees with Him About Food.
A trained nurse says: "In the prac-
tice of my profession I have found so
many points in favor of Grape-Nuts
food that I unhesitatingly recommend
it to all my patients."
"It is delicate and pleasing to the
palate (an essential in food for the
sick) and can be adapted to all ages,
being softened with milk or cream for
babies or the aged when deficiency of
teeth renders mastication impossible.
For fever patients or those on liquid
diet I find Grape-Nuts and albumen
water very nourishing and refreshing."
"This recipe is my own idea and is
made as follows: Soak a teaspoonful
of Grape-Nuts in a glass of water for
an hour, strain and serve with the
beaten white of an egg and a spoonful
of fruit juice for flavoring. This af-
fords a great deal of nourishment that
even the weakest stomachs can assimila-
te without any distress."
"My husband is a physician and he
uses Grape-Nuts himself and orders it
many times for his patients."
"Personally I regard a dish of Grape-
nuts with fresh or stewed fruit as the
ideal breakfast for anyone—well or
sick."

In any case of stomach trouble, nerv-

ous prostration or brain fog—a 10-
day trial of Grape-Nuts will work won-
ders toward nourishing and rebuilding
and in this way ending the trouble.

"There's a Reason," and trial proves.

Look in page for the famous little

book, "The Road to Wellville."

Ever read the above letter? A

new one appears from time to time.

They are genuine, true, and full of

human interest.

TAFT DEFENDS TARIFF AS BEST IN HISTORY

President Declares Aldrich-Payne
Bill Best Which Ever Was
Passed by Congress.

ADmits IT HAS A FEW FAULTS

Claims Revision Was Downward and
Says Act Fulfilled Party Pledge
—Favors Postal Banks.

In his speech at Winona, Minn.,
President Taft stamped the Payne bill
"the best tariff law the Republican
party ever passed." In a 7,000-word
speech he made a detailed defense of
the entire measure, vigorously uphold-
ing the action of Representative Tay-
nor of Winona, who supported the bill,
and declaring that had the bill been
defeated or had he, Taft, voted it, the
Republican party would have been de-
moralized, the tariff agitation would
have continued, business would have
been stalled and prosperity halted and
the other pledges of the Republican
party, to carry out the policies of
Roosevelt, would have been impossible
of redemption.

"All I have to say," declared the
President, "is in respect to Mr. Tay-
nor's action and my own in signing
the bill. I believed that the interests
of the country, the interests of the
party, required me to sacrifice the ac-
complishment of certain things in the
revision of the tariff which I had
hoped in order to maintain party soli-
darity which I believe to be much
more important than the reduction of
rates in one or more schedules of the
tariff."

The one thing in the Payne law with
which the President is not wholly
pleased is the wool schedule, but he
declares that further revision of the
tariff by the present Congress cannot
be thought of. He suggests that the
bill be given a thorough trial for a
couple of years to the end that Repub-
licans may agree upon what is desir-
able. He extols the creation of the
tariff commission, of which he an-
nounces an intention to make the
broadest use. He congratulates the
country on the passage of the corpora-
tion tax.

It was the most important speech of
his present trip and came directly in
the wake of a speech delivered at Mil-
waukee during the afternoon in sup-
port of postal savings banks and
after several references had been
made by the President during the day
to the limitations of the powers of the
chief executive, and his great de-
pendency upon the House and Senate.

Speaking in Milwaukee on postal
savings banks, he said: "I uphold
the doctrine of postal savings banks,
because I believe they will fill in this
country a long-felt want."

From carefully compiled statistics
which the President had culled from
the financial records of other nations,
he showed that the United States is
the sole civilized nation on earth that
has neglected to provide the people
with this means of laying aside their
humble savings. He showed that in
thirty-two States of the Union the sav-
ings bank institutions are inadequate
to meet the needs of the people; he
declared that, far from being a disad-
vantage to our financial system, the
postal savings banks would serve a
useful purpose, namely, to enable the
government to buy up, with the funds
that will thus come to hand, the \$700-
000,000 of 2 per cent bonds that are
just now distressing the treasury de-
partment. The President pleaded for
postal savings banks as an inducement
to poor people to save.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal
Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L.	W. L.
Pittsburg . . . 33	Phila. . . 45
Chicago . . . 31	44 Brooklyn . . . 47
New York . . . 29	52 St. Louis . . . 47
Cincinnati . . . 26	67 Boston . . . 33

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L.	W. L.
Detroit . . . 39	49 Cleveland . . . 63
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

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Millwaukee . . . 36	69 Indianapolis . . . 76
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Tariff Does Not Hit Ischemia.

The new tariff law does not apply to
the Isthmian Canal Zone, according to
a decision given by Acting Attorney
General Wade H. Ellis to the Sec-
retary of War. The Canal Zone is not
one of the "possessions" of the United
States within the meaning of that
term in the first clause of the tariff
act.

Taft Shortens Burglar's Term.

Because he had already served a two
years' sentence for the same offense,
imposed by a State court, Earl C.
Johnson, convicted of burglary from
the postoffice at Denison, Iowa, has had
his three-year term commuted by the
President to one year.

Drowns Babe, Then Kills Self.

First drowning her 3-months-old son
in a bucket of water and secreting the
dead body in the floor of the cellar of
his home, Mrs. Raymond Long, 26,
of Salem, Ohio, slashed her throat with
a razor, dying in a few minutes.

Fall from Hammock Fatal.

Miss Fannie Drake fled to death in
Foster street, Newton, N. J., as the
result of an injury suffered in a fall from
a hammock six weeks ago. The fall
ruptured a blood vessel in her throat.
She was 18 years old.

AGE NO BAR TO SUCCESS.

Enterprising 98-Year-Old Verifies
the Truth of the Saying.

A man is no older than he feels is
a saying that finds ample exemplifica-
tion in the case of James Franklin
Hyde, the youthful 98-year-old City
Treasurer of Lincoln, Ill. Although he
has long since passed the age when it
is said that one's future is behind him,
says Spare Moments, he has shown that
when it comes to a mere matter of
running for office he is as up to date
as any of the youngsters of a later and
supposedly smarter generation. When
two years ago he was defeated for a
fourth term for the office of City
Treasurer, he said nothing, but quietly
thought out his plan of campaign when
the opportunity came to him for an-
other chance.

Securing the nomination of the Cit-
izens' Party, he contracted for adver-
tising space in the daily papers of both
parties, and ran a series of displayed
advertisements calling attention to his
superior qualifications for the office.
He enlarged on the neatness and accu-
racy of his books, a fact which has at-
tracted the attention of other record
keepers all over the State. The fact
that he was not so liable to errors as
was this younger and less experienced
opponent was pointed out. When the
votes were counted it was found he
was the only successful candidate on
the ticket.

Mr. Hyde has always disdained giv-
ing a formula for longevity, except the
admonition to create a habit of work-
ing regularly. While in the City Treas-
urer's office his time was so well ap-
plied that periods for spare moment
work were plentiful. With the exact
condition of every city fund at his fin-
gers' and tongue's end, he considered
his duty to the municipality fulfilled,
and the remainder of his time he em-
ployed in keeping the books of a dozen
or more small firms which could not
employ individual bookkeepers.

MUST BELIEVE IT.

Every Reader Will Concede the
Truth of This Statement.

One who suffers with backache or
any form of kidney trouble wants a
cure, not merely a temporary benefit.
Rev. Maxwell B. Rowland, of Toms
River, N. J., makes a statement in this
connection that is worthy of attention.
Says he: "I was suddenly taken with
an attack of kidney trouble, had
severe pains in my back and loins and
was generally run down. Doctors
were not helping me so I began us-
ing Doan's Kidney Pills. They brought
me prompt relief, and as I continued taking them the
pains in my back disappeared and the
kidneys were restored to normal con-
dition."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold
by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Fos-
ter-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mortgaging Cotton to Buy Whisky.

Two negroes entered the store and
asked for Mr. Bruner. "I want a
note for two gallons of whisky," said
the first.
Bruner nodded to his bookkeeper.
"Mr. Hyman, give Hump Chaffard an
order on Jerry for two gallons."
"Gimme an order for one gallon"—
the other negro spoke less confidently.
"Can't do it, Henry; you are too
far behind in your account. You've
had too much whisky already. I rode
over your crop last week. You've got
at least five bales of cotton in that
field and haven't picked a look. You
loaf so around the saloons all day
Wednesday and Thursday. Here you
are, back again, Saturday."

Henry looked sheepish. But Izzy
must consider. This negro lived in a
settlement that was six miles nearer
to Jonesboro than it was to Mayfield.
For many years Bruner had been try-
ing to coax their trade away from his
rival in Jonesboro—Simon Klips. If
one merchant did not supply the whis-
ky the other would—and get their cot-
ton.—Success Magazine.

Helpful Suggestion.

Fair Customer (doing her Christmas
shopping)—I'd like to get something
for a young man, but I hardly
know what he would want.
Intelligent Salesman—I think I do.
We have an excellent photographic
studio on the top floor. Elevator in
the next aisle.

The Best Alarm Clock.

Husband—Why don't you have Brid-
get shut the kitchen door? One can
smell the breakfast cooking all over
the house.
Wife—We leave it open on purpose.
The smell is all that gets the family
up.—Judge.

STOMACH LIVER LUNGS

Each of the chief organs of the body is
linked in the Chain of Life. A chain is no
stronger than its weakest link, the body
no stronger than its weakest organ. If there is weakness of stomach, liver or lungs, there is a
weak link in the chain of life which may snap at any time. Often this so-called
"weakness" is caused by lack of nutrition, the result of weakness or disease
of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases and
weaknesses of the stomach and its allied organs are cured by the use of Dr.
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. When the weak or diseased stomach is
cured, diseases of other organs which stem remote from the stomach but which
have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other
organs of digestion and nutrition, are cured also.

The strong man has a strong stomach.

Take the above recommended "Dis-
covery" and you may have a strong stom-
ach and a strong body.

GIVEN AWAY.—Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser,
new revised Edition, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay
express of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the
book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the cloth-bound vol-
ume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

For PINK EYE

SPORN MEDICAL COMPANY, Chemists, Gesben, Ind.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Solar rays make brighter and better colors than any other dye. One box contains colors of Blues, Yellows, Greens, Reds, Browns, and Blacks. They are guaranteed without fading. Write for color book—free to all. Putnam Dye Co., New York.

Crawford County

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, SEP. 23

Local and Neighboring News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.00 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Every subscriber to the AVALANCHE whose subscription is paid in advance, or who will pay arrearage, and in advance, who desires it, can have the Michigan Farmer, FREE to January 1st, 1910. This is the ideal paper for Michigan Farmers, and this trial will convince you that you want it always. The paper will be shipped January 1st 1910 unless you renew on or before that time, paying only 75 cents for a year.

A good house to rent. Enquire at this office.

M. & S. Loose Leaf Binder for Students. Sold by Central Drug Store.

WANTED—Young hen's or pullets. Plymouth Rocks preferred.—P. Aebli.

Leave your orders for Coal at S. H. Co's, and save money.

Mrs. Karl Wilson and daughters returned Tuesday from a visit in Flint.

FOR SALE—Four Angora goats, three does and one buck. Call on or address, J. V. Miller, Lovella, Mich.

Our place will be closed Saturday on account of a Jewish holiday.

M. BRENNER.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price call at the AVALANCHE office.

Don't forget the date. Skovgaard Concert Company, October 14th at the Opera House.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with

SALLING, HANSON COMPANY

Mrs. Augustus Belmont came home from the upper peninsula last week, for a weeks visit with the children.

R. D. Conline and wife have gone to Traverse City for their annual visit to the parental homes.

M. & S. Loose Leaf Binder for Students. Sold by Central Drug Store.

Leave your orders for Coal at S. H. Co's, and save money.

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to be present Saturday, September 25th. Important business to be transacted.

Be sure and secure a season ticket for the concert course. Five high class entertainments for one dollar and twenty five cents.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—A 6 roomhouse on Railroad street. Enquire at Grayling Mercantile Company's store.

The new Blossom Pattern in 1835 R. Wallace Silver is THE pattern of the year. Do not fail to see the line in Hathaway's window.

The Danish Sisterhood will serve coffee and lunch Thursday afternoon and evening, Sept. 23, in the G. A. R. Hall. Adults 15 cents, children under five, 10 cents. All cordially invited.

A woman was kicked on the chin by a mule, causing her to bite off the end of her tongue, and her husband several times since refused the offer of \$1.00 for the mule.

M. & S. Loose Leaf Binder for Students. Sold by Central Drug Store.

We are in receipt from John R. Wood, manager of the Michigan Railway Guide which is the most handy monthly publication possible for anyone travelling in Michigan. Always reliable and up to date.

Leave your orders for Coal at S. H. Co's, and save money.

FOR SALE—1 steel range, 1 bed room suit, 1 mahogany parlor table, 20 cords furnace wood, well seasoned beech, maple and oak, also 5 cords 16 inch dry beech and maple. Will sell my lot at Portage Lake.

GLADYS HADLEY.

FOR SALE—I offer for sale my household furniture, complete, or in parcels as desired. Now is the opportunity to secure bargains in almost everything that is wanted. Call at the McKay house and see goods and get prices.

NELS PETER MICHELSON.

WANTED—Success Magazine wants an energetic and responsible man or woman in Crawford County to collect for renewals and solicit new subscriptions during fall or spare time. Experience unnecessary. Any one can start among friends and acquaintances and build up a paying and permanent business without capital. Complete outfit and instructions free. Address, "VON," Success Magazine Building, New York City, N. Y. sept23-31

There will be a donation supper at L. H. Merrill's home, Pleasant, Friday evening, October 1st. The donation will be for groceries and vegetables, to help with his winter supply. Please bring whatever you like to help with the supper. Proceeds go to Mrs. Merrill. Supper, 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

Grayling and Crawford County is being published through the county with quite satisfactory results.

One of the most desirable building lots in the village for sale. Enquire at this office or at the Russell Hotel. sept23-2w

When you are talking about fruit, just tell that H. G. Benedict of Beaver Creek brought us the finest specimens of fall apples and of pears that it was ever our good fortune to see. Absolute perfection.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard and wife are in the village for a weeks visit with old friends who are glad to welcome them. The annual conference of this church society, held here this week being the prime cause of their coming at this time.

The heating season is now on. Have you considered the question? Save one half of your fuel by having F. R. Deckrow install an up to date, steam or hot water system. He wants your patronage. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ask for an estimate.

WANTED TIMBER—Several thousand cords of Basswood, Poplar and Quakingasp bolts, four inches in diameter or larger, cut and ricked or standing timber if in large enough tracts to justify. Johnson-Smith Excelsior Co., Indianapolis, Indiana. sept23-2wp

You don't have to go to war to be patriotic. Improve your locality, uphold your town, enlarge its interests, and lend a hand to progress, and you are a patriot—a lover of your country—as truly as the soldier who shoulders the musket.

Boys! Girls! Columbia Bicycle Free! Greatest offer out. Get your friends to subscribe to our magazine and we will make you a present of a \$40.00 Columbia Bicycle—the best made. Ask for particulars, free outfit, and circular telling "How to Start." Address, "The Bicycle Man," 29-31 East 22d Street, New York City, N. Y. sept23-3t

Rev. David Howell of Lansing, superintendent of missions of the Presbyterian church in Michigan is expected to spend next Sunday in Grayling, and will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Howell is too well known in Grayling to need elaborate introduction to the church and congregation. He is a good speaker as all who know him will testify.

On September 1, a whole volume of new laws went into effect and some of them are quite important. It behooves all to discover that these laws are and to be guided accordingly. They seem to cover every phase of human life and it is hardly possible for one to move unless he bumps up against a new law which brings about a changed condition. So be careful, when in doubt consult the new volume of public acts, if you can find one.—Ex.

Crawford County which leads them all had no exhibit at the state fair, which allowed Roscommon county to carry off a bunch of blue cards, as well as Montmorency county, for fruit vegetables grains and clover. We expected that they would come to this section of the state, which is being generally acknowledged to be the fruit and clover garden of the state. These results will pay those counties a thousand per cent on the expense and we deem it short sighted economy by our County officers that a proper exhibit was not sent from here.

Little boys and girls, so small that they must sit in a high chair at the table and be carried to sleep in their mother's laps; too small to dress themselves, and so diminutive they should never be out of sight of a nurse, are seen from day to day running up and down streets, scampering about at times to avoid fast-going teams and running a fearful risk of being knocked down by the horse of a careless or unobservant driver and having the breath crushed out of them. Parents are to blame for this. That here have been no accidents is a miracle. The practice of allowing these little tots and midgets to recklessly run the gauntlet of the streets, is a bad one and should be discontinued.—Ex.

In queer old New York there is something doing every minute. This is the way some of the observers have figured it out: Every second four visitors arrive in New York; every 42 seconds an immigrant arrives; every 42 seconds a passenger train arrives; every 3 minutes some one is arrested; every 6 minutes a child is born; every 7 minutes there is a funeral; every 13 minutes there is a wedding; every 12 minutes a new business firm starts up; every 48 minutes a building catches fire; every 48 minutes a ship leaves the harbor; every 51 minutes a new building is erected; every 1 1/2 hours some one is killed by accident; every 8 1/2 hours some pair is divorced; every 10 hours some one commits suicide; every night \$1,250,000 is spent in restaurants for dinner; every day 350 new citizens go to New York to live.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, Sept. 26, 1909.
Mid week prayer meeting at the church Thursday eve., at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service at 10:30 a. m.
Babbs School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Felling, Suppt.
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.—Topic: "How Missionaries Win Souls for Christ."
Union services at the M. E. church. All are cordially invited to attend these services.
J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Sam White Meets Death by Well Caving.

While working in a well on his farm three miles northeast of the village, Friday afternoon, Sam White met with an accident which resulted in his death.

It seems that White had a well driven using two inch casing. After getting this down a distance, they were unable to drive it further. They then placed an inch and a quarter casing inside of the two inch and drove to a depth of some sixty-three feet and got some seven feet of water. This of course was beyond the depth which it could be pumped. White and John Chernish then attempted to dig down and place a cylinder deep enough to permit the well to be pumped.

They had dug down some twenty-three feet and had curbed it with poor quality of lumber. Realizing that this would not stand, White ordered a load of two inch plank to be sent out Friday evening. They then attempted to pull the inch curbing, and as White was down in the well trying the rope to the last piece of the curbing, a large amount of earth caved from the top of the well. White was buried to a depth of between two and three feet over his head.

Chernish did not seem to realize that he could do anything alone and ran to the nearest neighbor for help. This neighbor refused to go, claiming to be afraid of further caving. Chernish then ran to the home of Frank Burke but Mr. Burke and his son Harry were working at the farm of Mr. Marshall about a mile away.

As soon as Chernish reached them, they drove to the White farm and understanding from Chernish that a much larger amount of earth covered White, Harry Burke ran his team to town for help. At once on his arrival, teams and autos were rushed to the scene loaded with willing workers and the work of digging White out was begun at once. On account of the size of the well at the bottom but two men could work, the dirt being shoveled into pails and hauled up by ropes. After uncovering his head it was found that White's feet were tangled with the rope and curbing at the bottom and they were compelled to dig down below his knees before he could be pulled out. Dr. C. C. Probert was on the scene and made every possible effort to resuscitate him but with no success. Mr. White was a new comer, this being his first season here. He had made many friends during his stay here and the accident cast a gloom over the entire community. His funeral will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday. He is survived by his widow.

Too much credit can not be given all the willing workers, who went to the scene, but special credit must be given to Archie Phillip and Norman M. Marsh who went down into the well and at the risk of their own safety worked with shovels while they could be used and then with their hands in the futile effort to reach White in time to save him.—Roscommon News

Circuit Court.

As we went to press last week the case of Lucille Baker vs. the M. C. R. R. Co., was on trial, and was not given to the jury until nearly noon Friday. Every phase of the case was contested, and ably presented by the eminent counsel on both sides. The charge of the Court was highly commended as fair. About two o'clock the jury announced that they had reached an agreement, and their verdict was recorded for the plaintiff with damages assessed at ten thousand dollars, which evidently meets with the approval of our citizens who listened to the trial and who of course sympathize with the plaintiff. The usual motion for stay was made by Mr. Alexander, representing the corporation, and granted by the Court.

A decree was taken in the case of Maude A. Benway vs. Fred Benway for divorce.

The Buffalo Fertilizer vs. William A. Montgomery, attachment, gave judgement for plaintiff, and court was adjourned in time for court and attorneys to catch the p. m. train south.

Concert Course.

The following entertainments have been secured for the concert course: Skovgaard Concert Co. The Standard Male Quartet. The Lyceum Stars. Edward Brush, Magician. Bill Bone, entertainer.

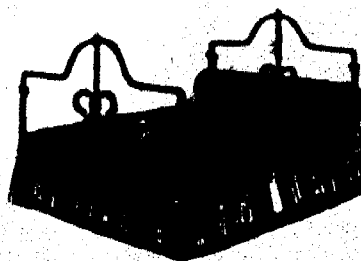
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Rev. E. G. Johnson former pastor of the M. E. church here, is assigned to Lexington, in Hamilton county, for the ensuing year. Rev. James Iyer is assigned to Grayling. Rev. Mr. Huston who has been here having declined further appointment in this conference district. Our citizens will regret that Mr. Huston does not return, as he and his family have made many friends during their stay.



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Program for Kredsmodet.

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Rev. Joh. Jensen.

Sunday, 9:00 A. M.—Bjornegudstjenest.

Rev. Kildegaard, 10 minutes; Rev. Rev. Rodholen.

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Afternoon—Ungdomsmodet paa Danebod: Rev's. Kildegaard and Rodholen.

Evening, 7 o'clock—Falleaspisning at Danebod. Forlending: Rev. Hecker

Monday Forenoon Prestentent.

Evening, 7:30 at Church

Rev. Joh. Jensen, 10 minutes

Rev. Kildegaard, 10 minutes

Rev. Rodholen, 10 minutes

Rev. Juhl, 10 minutes

Postmaster Hates is in attendance at the postmasters convention at Grand Rapids this week.

B. H. Hellen of Chicago was in town yesterday with Will Smith, Dick Huston and John Smith of Iowa, and E. Goetsch of Wisconsin all of whom propose to open up farms in Beaver Creek west of Superior Hanna's home. They have got the "stuff" and know the best prospects for success are here.

We are in receipt, through Mr. Wilber, who is employed at the Ward farm in Maple Forest, of samples of apples from the big orchard, which we never saw surpassed in beauty of coloring or delicacy of flavor. Several carloads have been already shipped and a small army of men and women are picking, assorting and pecking for continued shipment. The orchard is a sight worth a hundred miles travel to witness.

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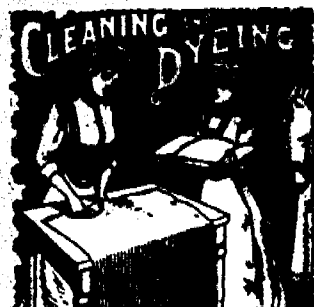
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MIKE BRENNER.

Effort to exterminate sharks.
The Bengal government pays a reward for sharks caught in the Ganges. This varies from 25 cents for small sharks to \$1.50 for those of big size.

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday.
A 13-year-old Ohio girl was kidnapped by a man.

The newly appointed tariff board was ready to begin the work of collecting data from foreign countries to aid the President.

Dr. Cook, branding Peary's charges as an "unfortunate disclosure of character," demanded that the public decide the polar controversy.

Rioting is begun in the Omaha street car strike. Cars were wrecked by mobs and crowds attacked. Business men volunteered for police duty.

Swept from the yacht of James O. Heyworth, off Racine, Dr. Joseph William Wassall, thirty-five years a dentist in Chicago, drowned before rescuers could save him.

Monday.
The Treasury Department fully approved of Collector Loeb's drastic war on rich "society smugglers."

John W. Castles, president of the Union Trust Company of New York, committed suicide with a razor.

The President demands that the Interior Department answer charges by Senator La Follette that administration of Indian lands in Wisconsin is faulty.

Tuesday.
James J. Hill warned the bankers of the nation that a decline in agriculture is a menace to prosperity.

The Northwestern road is building 277 miles of track to shorten the distance between Milwaukee and the Twin Cities.

Taft in a speech in Boston, on the eve of his departure on his 13,000-mile trip, made a plea for better feeling between the sections of the country.

Commander Peary in a formal statement at Battle Harbor, Labrador, said he will prove that Dr. Cook did not reach the pole. He said he may not disclose the proofs for six months.

Wednesday.
Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, is critically ill following a surgical operation.

Secretary Meyer wrote that steps will be taken to prevent violations of the Sabbath laws by the men of the navy.

President Taft issued a statement in which he exonerates Secretary Ballinger of charges in connection with Alaska coal land claims.

Mrs. Annie Silver killed her sister-in-law, Mrs. Leah Tripp, and then ended her own life after a desperate fight in a Chicago apartment building.

Thursday.
Chicago street car men voted to accept the latest wage offer of the companies.

Mrs. Nelson Morris, widow of the Chicago millionaire packer, died in France as a result of injuries in an auto accident.

Prof. Milosevich, director of the Royal Observatory at Rome, expressed the belief that both Cook and Peary reached the north pole.

Death toll in the 1909 July 4 celebration was 215, the largest in five years, according to the American Medical Association Journal.

Chicago, with receptions, parades, mass meetings, baseball game, and ball, gave President Taft a rousing send-off on his 13,000-mile journey.

Friday.
Charles H. Treat resigned as Treasurer of the United States.

Unrest throughout Mexico is viewed as a sign of political progress.

The Irish land bill was passed by the English House of Commons.

The Elgin and Waltham Watch companies announced an increase in prices following revision of the tariff.

President Mitten of City Railway Company in Chicago signed a three-year contract with his men and put an end to the wage controversy.

Prof. S. W. Burnham of the Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., was the first to view Halley's comet through the telescope, after its seventy-four years' absence.

President Taft in a speech at Winona, Minn., sounded the real "key-note" of his tour of the West by defending the Payne tariff bill as the best in history, asserting that revision has been mainly downward and that his party's pledges have been fulfilled.

Saturday.
Omaha and Council Bluffs street car lines were tied up by a strike; four men remained at work.

Vancouver, B. C., has been made the clearing house of Chinese entering the United States by way of Canada.

A delegate returning from the Budapest medical congress said that American doctors lead the world.

Taft met an enthusiastic reception in St. Paul and Minneapolis, which, however, was tempered by grief of the people over the illness of Gov. Johnson.

A burglar attempted to enter the home of Captain Charles Kohler, Mariner's Harbor, N. Y., and was trapped in a chimney while trying to descend to a room.

SHORT NEWS NOTES.
Edward Butler, Jr., son of Colonel Butler, political boss of St. Louis, died suddenly in that city of heart failure while talking to his wife.

Miss Alice du Pont, daughter of the president of the du Pont Powder Company, was brought ashore from the yacht Tech, at Portland, Maine, suffering with diphtheria.

John Horvath was arrested in South Bend, and is charged with four murders, the last that of a man of the name of Sullivan, in Racine, six weeks ago. The others were in Milwaukee and in Michigan.

TAFT'S LONG STAY AMONG THE PEOPLE

President Starts from Boston on His 13,000-Mile Tour of the United States.

STRENGTH IS GAINED BY REST

With Central Bank as His Theme, Executive Considers Plan of Financial Changes.

On his fifty-second birthday President Taft entered on the first stage of his 13,000-mile tour of the United States. His train formed the second section of the regular express from Boston to Albany on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central Railroad. The first speech of the President's series of addresses to the people was made in Boston; the last is to be made at Richmond, Va., Nov. 10. The next day the President will be back at his work in Washington. When the President left Chicago he passed over what Eastern people call the political borderland. Then his real work of enlisting strength for his policies as he outlines them seemed to begin.

In addressing 3,000 persons at a banquet in Boston, on the eve of his trip across the continent, President Taft prophesied a great increase in the commerce of the country. Leaving the discussion of the tariff, of railroad control, and of the curbing of corporations to be explained in detail in later addresses, Mr. Taft spoke more fully of the changes needed in the monetary system of the country.

The plan to establish a central bank as a safeguard against such financial panics as that of 1897 was one of the financial subjects considered by the President. There are two dangers which must be avoided in this plan, he said, both of which had been explained to the President by Senator Aldrich. Control of this institution, giving great power over the financial welfare of the nation, must be kept out of the hands of Wall street interests, he asserted. The other danger



PRESIDENT TAFT.

which the President said must be prevented is that the central bank, if formed, should be manipulated for political purposes.

Mr. Taft took occasion, in his brief reference to the tariff, to condemn the efforts of certain public men to stir up sectional strife in calling upon the West to organize against the East. His address was marked by praise of Senator Aldrich.

NEW YORK BANKER A SUICIDE.

J. W. Castles, President of Union Trust Co., Cuts His Throat.

John W. Castles, president of the Union Trust Company at 80 Broadway, committed suicide at the Grand Union Hotel in New York by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been ill for several months with nervous prostration as a result of overwork. The bank is one of the big New York institutions and has deposits of over \$60,000,000.

Castles was elected president of the Union Trust Company in December, 1908, and assumed office early in January, after he severed his connection with the Guaranty Trust Company. The panic at that time was a thing of recent passing. Castles found a heavy load of work awaiting him. As a result of this heavy work his health suffered.

PLAYS SOLDIER; KILLS SISTER.

Cleveland Boy Poises Rifle at Baby and Falls Trigger.

That Eleanor Graf, aged 2 1/2 years, came to her death through a bullet fired from a rifle by her brother was the conclusion of Coroner Boesiger in Cleveland. The mother on returning to the house found the baby girl lying on the floor screaming. Blood was spurting from a little hole in the right shoulder. Before a doctor could be summoned the child died. Ten-year-old Wilbur Graf had been playing soldier and making use of a 22-caliber rifle belonging to his father, and a cartridge which he procured from a neighbor boy. Wilbur aimed the gun at his little sister and pulled the trigger.

BUILD 3-MILE TUNNEL.

Great Northern Co.-A to Cost About \$1,000,000.

The Great Northern Railway Company announces that contracts for the outfit on the line between Great Falls, Mont., and Belt have been awarded. About twenty-two miles of railway will be constructed. A tunnel 16,000 feet long will be included, and the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The change is made by the company to lower grades for through traffic from the Burlington system.



BANKERS IN GREAT MEETING.

Every State and Cuba and Hawaii Represented at National Meet.

Bankers from every State in the Union, together with representatives of financial institutions in Cuba and Hawaii, joined Tuesday in the opening session of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the American Bankers' Association in Chicago.

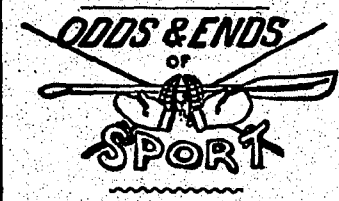
The convention was called to order by the president, George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental National Bank, Chicago, in the Auditorium Theater in the presence of almost five thousand delegates. Reports of the various committees and officers of the association, together with the addresses of welcome and the responses, filled part of the first session.

Governor Deneen, of Illinois, and Joseph T. Talbot, president of the Chicago Clearing House Association, welcomed the bankers to the State and city. Col. Robert J. Lowry, of Atlanta, Ga., former president of the association responded.

James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway Company, spoke on "National Wealth and the Farm." He was preceded by an address by Controller of the Currency L. O. Murray on "Problems of the Controller's Office." The program of the day also included an informal address by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, of the House of Representatives.

James S. Sherman, Vice President of the United States, was to have been the principal speaker at the meeting of the trust company section, but, though he was at the convention for a few hours Tuesday, Mr. Sherman declared that he regretted his inability to remain and keep his engagement. In his absence the paper on "The Post Mortem Administration of Wealth," by Attorney Daniel S. Remsen, of New York, assumed first importance for the meeting.

A prominent feature of each of the several sessions of the convention was the discussion of practical banking questions by different delegates.



The world's record to pole by pacers was broken by the brother and sister, Lady Maud C. and Hedgewood Boy. They paced the mile in 2:02 1/2.

The Phoenix Driving Club held exciting races at Phoenixville, Pa., during which splendid records were made and intensely interesting sport supplied.

At Erie, Pa., Barney Oldfield, with Battling Nelson as a passenger, established a new record for a half-mile track by taking his car a mile in 1:12 1/5. His previous record was 1:14 3/5.

James R. Keene's Sweep won the twenty-second running of the Futurity at Sheepshead Bay. The winner received \$27,000 out of the \$31,000 purse. The time was 1:11 4/5. About 15,000 people witnessed the race.

C. K. G. Billings has returned from his European tour, together with his string of racing horses, which have been exhibited before royalty. Among the steeds is the champion trotting mare, Lou Dillon, 1:58 2/5.

"Jim" McGuire has broken again into a managerial berth in the American League, this time as the manager of the Cleveland team in the American League, succeeding Napoleon Lajoie. McGuire did sensational work while acting as manager of the Boston Americans.

At Saratoga, N. Y., Grasseno easily won the United States Hotel stake, defeating Waldo, the champion 2-year-old. This is Waldo's first defeat after six straight victories.

Ivor Lawson broke his own record in the two-mile Western championship open for professional race on the bicycle track at Salt Lake City. His time was 2:40 2/5. Old record, 2:42. At a bout at Cheyenne, "Young Corbett" (William Rothwell), of Denver, knocked out Mugsy School, of Cheyenne, in the fifteenth round. Corbett, showing much of the cleverness he displayed when he took the championship from Terry McGovern.

PRESIDENT TAFT ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

Our banking and monetary system is a patched up affair which satisfies nobody.

There are two indispensable requirements in any plan to be adopted involving a central bank of issue: First, that control of the monetary system shall be kept free from Wall street; second, that it shall not be manipulated for political purposes.

I hope for a satisfactory money system before the end of this administration. We must mend our roof before the storm shall show us again its leaky and utterly inadequate character.

We are, unless all signs fail, upon the eve of another great business expansion and era of prosperity.

Throughout this country there is free trade of the freest character, and due to this, the prosperity of the West, especially in agriculture, is even more pronounced than that of the East.

We are all in the same business boat. Prosperity of one section adds to the prosperity of the other.

DIE CROSSING DEATH VALLEY.

Bodies of Two Miners Found and Third Man Probably Is Lost.

The bodies of Emory Bodge and Tom Flanz, two miners who perished of thirst, while attempting to cross Death Valley, were found Saturday four miles west of Skidoo, Cal., by members of the searching party scouring the desert for a brother of President Eldredge of the National Sewing Machine Company, who has been lost for three weeks. The men whose bodies were found left Rhyolite late in August and started across Death Valley, where the thermometer reaches 130 degrees in the shade during the summer months. They carried two canteens of water each, but this supply must have been exhausted before they had gone half way. Crazy by thirst they wandered about until they were overcome by the heat and lay down to die. Young Eldredge was attempting to reach Rhyolite, Nev., from his mining claims in the Panamint range. He left his companions three weeks ago. Men from all the desert camps have searched the desert. The burro which he took with him when he started across the valley was found a few days ago, but there was no other trace of the man.

BULLET IN HIS BRAIN; RECOVERS.

Washington, D. C., Man Carries Remnant of His Attempt at Suicide.

With a 22-caliber bullet imbedded in the center of his brain, fired there with suicidal intent more than two weeks ago, Frank Blaine left the Casualty Hospital in Washington, D. C., Monday, discharged as cured. He said he suffered no discomfort other than pains in the head and neck and he talked rationally at all times. The surgeons at the hospital who have been observing Blaine closely, said they detected no ill effects from the bullet in his brain and it is their belief that he will not suffer from it in future years. An X-ray photograph of the young man's head showed the bullet imbedded in the center of his brain.

Gov. Johnson Under the Knife. Governor John A. Johnson underwent an operation at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., for adhesions in the abdomen and slight hernia, caused by a previous operation for appendicitis.

Cigarette Barred in Will. The will of W. H. G. Grevel gives his grandson, Grevel W. E. Acker, of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., an estate valued at \$25,000, provided he does not smoke a cigarette until he is 25 years old. The child is 3 years old.

Shot Dead in Salary Row. J. W. McConnell, a trainman of St. Louis, was shot and killed at the Missouri Pacific freight depot in Kansas City by Martin Quiras, a special officer. He had become quarrelsome because of being asked to wait for his salary.

HIGHER REGISTRY FEE ASKED.

Soon to Cost Ten Cents to Register a Letter—Five Cents for Package.

After Nov. 1, 1909, it will cost 10 cents instead of 5 cents, as at present, to register a piece of mail. An order to this effect was issued by Postmaster General Hitchcock Monday.

The order increases the maximum indemnity paid to the owner of a lost or rifed registered letter from \$25 to \$50, thus doubling the department's liability for valuable articles entrusted to its registry branch. This additional insurance of \$25 for 2 cents is granted at a much lower rate than is offered for a similar amount by any private concern.

The changes ordered constitute the first move toward making the postal service self-sustaining. The registry service is reported to be conducted at a loss, and in order to make it pay its way radical measures are necessary. New features being considered by the Postmaster General include the establishment of a parcel registration system with a 5-cent fee and a small indemnity, and a preferred class of registered matter of high value with increases in the fee and indemnity up to 20 cents and \$100, the limits fixed by law.

It is pointed out that the parcel measure will meet a public demand for a cheap and safe means of transmitting Christmas packages and others of like character, and that the graduating of the fee in accordance with the risk involved and the amount of care necessary to insure safe transmission is in accord with sound business principles. It has been also suggested that the idea be carried a step further, by asking Congress to raise the limit of fee and indemnity, in order that the department may assume full liability for all matter accepted for registration, and may impose an adequate charge for the responsibility undertaken.

In addition to these changes affecting the amount of fees and indemnities, the Postmaster General's committee of experts, which is still in session, has under consideration important modifications of the registry system that should lessen the cost of operation without any impairment of the efficiency.

POLITICS and POLITICIANS

Rumors are rife in Washington that President Taft will name former Vice President Fairbanks as successor to Ambassador Whitelaw Reid at London.

Speaker Cannon declares emphatically that he will pay no attention whatever to the recent charges made against him by Representative Fowler, of New Jersey.

Queen Liliuokalani, deposed ruler of Hawaii, is reported to be interesting herself in politics again. She is endeavoring to secure a Hawaiian to succeed Prince Kalaniana'ole as delegate to Congress.

Upon the occasion of a homecoming reception in his honor by the people of Clarinda, Iowa, Col. W. P. Hepburn announced that he would never again be a candidate for nor would he accept any political office.

President Taft's selection of Representative Townsend, of Michigan, to champion the administration's revision of the corporation and interstate commerce laws has attracted a great deal of attention. Townsend will introduce the President's bill and will get the credit for the authorship of the measure, to the study of which he has given his congressional career.

Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, is strongly in favor of the central bank idea. It is understood that he desires to impress the President with the desirability of the central bank.

The direct primary law was defended and endorsed in Chicago when the New York legislative committee which has been studying the country in search of information of the subject consulted Illinois authorities.

P. Pierpont Morgan will be asked to accept a union nomination for mayor of New York on a business reconstruction platform. Politicians claim that Morgan is the only person who can save the city from financial ruin.

ALL CHICAGO IS HOST TO TAFT FOR A DAY

With Review, Receptions, Mass-Meeting and Ball He Is Speeded on 13,000 Mile Trip.

CHILDREN WIN THE PRESIDENT

Chief Executive's Heart Touched by Welcome from 400,000 Pupils Lining Streets for Miles.

President William Howard Taft spent Thursday as the guest of the people of Chicago, and was vastly pleased at his reception. The popular tone of it was what appealed to him first, and most. Aside from that was its infinite variety. Every class and condition of people had a share in it. And the President hadn't a dull minute. Consider how the pendulum swung back and forth:

Welcomed formally by Chicago's leading citizens; welcomed informally, enthusiastically and wholeheartedly by two hundred thousand school children who formed a solid wall of waving color along twenty miles of streets, and gave voice to one long, joyous shout of greeting; received next in the splendid Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, and dined by the wealth, brains and industry of the Empire City of the West at the Commercial Club luncheon; another swing of the pendulum and he was delving into art and interesting himself in the problems of the Chicago Beautiful; still another swing and, with silk hat doffed for the more comfortable derby, he is seated in the midst of thirty thousand baseball devotees—the greatest "fan" of them all—munching peanuts, clapping the hand of the mighty hummer and not even neglecting the humble umpire; "stretching" with the crowd at the opening of the "Lucky seventh," sitting through the game till the last man was retired; and then yet another swing, and he is back among the elect again at the Hamilton Club dinner; then labor's turn, and he has striking words of approval and hope for organized labor. Finally he is received in society's waiting arms for a few minutes at the banker's ball, and then the farewell and Godspeed. Chicago set a pace which it will be difficult for the forty other cities that the President is to visit to keep up with.

Indorses the Roosevelt Policies.

President Taft swung the red signal of danger in the evening and warned the nation that to head off a revival of old abuses it must stick to the Roosevelt policies. Then he pledged messages to Congress calling for action to eradicate the evils and held out promises of the needed reforms. Before an enthusiastic audience that filled Orchestra Hall he dwelt on the danger of being blinded by prosperity and of falling back into the old ruts and returning to old evils and abuses in the management of corporations and in business methods in general. The warning followed a prophecy—a note of joyous optimism—in which the President declared that, with the tariff bill out of the way, confidence had returned to business and commerce and that a period of expansion, of development, of tremendous growth was ahead of the country.

The utterance was followed by an enthusiastic demonstration, men and women on the main floor and in the galleries getting to their feet and waving their handkerchiefs while they shouted and cried their approval. After the ovation had died down the distinguished speaker stated that later in his 13,000-mile tour he would discuss at much greater length the questions on which he had touched and that at some stage in his journey he also intended to give full consideration to the character of the tariff bill, "which has been adopted and which has been subjected to criticism."

The reference to the Roosevelt policies was almost the closing sentence in the President's address, coming as a climax to a stinging criticism of the courts, in which Mr. Taft brought his hearers to their feet in another tumult of acclamation by declaring: "The administration of criminal law in this country is a disgrace to our civilization." He suggested remedies, chief of which was the idea of a commission to be provided for by Congress to look into the cause of the delays in the federal courts and to devise a system that would secure rapid and inexpensive justice to litigants in the federal courts and that would serve as a model to the States in reforming their judiciary systems. It was a short speech, but filled with pith. In point of duration it was only thirty-one minutes long, but every sentence contained an idea.

CRIMINALS IN LEAP FOR LIBERTY

Three Negroes Escape from Government Hospital at Washington.

Three negro criminals, one of whom is a murderer, made a desperate dash for liberty from the government hospital for the insane in Washington and fled before mounted policemen and attendants. They tore a guard rail from its fastenings and made a daring leap from a high window. Armed men are searching the woods in which the madmen are believed to be hidden.

Boat Capsizes; Eleven Drown.

The British steamer Umhali, from Port Natal, has run ashore off Cape Point, South Africa, in a thick fog. The crew and passengers left the Umhali in the small boats. One of these boats was capsized and five women and six men were drowned.

Cold and Snow in Colorado.

A sudden drop in the temperature brought almost frigid weather to Denver Sunday. An inch of snow fell at Long's Peak, a town sixty miles north of here.

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

Dun's weekly review of Chicago trade says: Trade activities blended well with the elaborate functions attending this week's entertainment of President Taft and the numerous representatives of the banking interests and grain merchants of the country assembled in annual conventions. Seasonable weather provided a stimulus to operations in production and distribution, and transportation returns indicate that the Chicago steam roads steadily gain in gross earnings. Important contracts for large vessels on the lakes were closed, and strengthen the shipbuilding industry.

Farm advices testify to improvement in corn growth from the rainfall and favorable temperatures. Marketings of grain exhibit large increases over both last week and a year ago, those of corn being exceptionally heavy, and there is also sustained rise in shipments.

Similar improvement appears in flour, and that commodity recovers slightly from the recent fall in prices. A moderate increase is noted in packing, although this does not affect quotations for live stock and provisions, these again showing further advance in average cost.

Freight offerings of the large producers run above the tonnages recently reported, and traffic managers give closer attention to immediate equipment needs. The effort to provide necessary facilities leads to numerous commitments for rails, cars and motive power. Pig iron outputs exceed those during last month, with prices much firmer and inquiries increasing for next year deliveries. Steel mills in this district employ additional hands and capacity is now pressed to the limit.

Increasing demands cause more drawing upon forge and foundry work, and the electric, heavy hardware, machinery and implement factories report satisfactory gain in forward bookings. The absorption is unabated of building material and planing mill outputs.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 25, against 21 last week, 34 in 1908 and 17 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 7, against 5 last week, nine in 1908, and 5 in 1907.

NEW YORK.

A distinctly stronger undertone is displayed in this week's telegraph trade reports. Improvement in wholesale and jobbing demand, enlargement of industrial output and perceptible gains in collections are the central facts this week. Satisfactory progress, too, appears to be making in agricultural matters, with the exception of cotton.

Retail trade as a whole and some branches of jobbing trade catering to heavy-weight demands report warm weather a bar to fullest activity. Export trade in leading agricultural products is at a low ebb, and, while collections, helped by large spring wheat and cotton movement, are better, there is still claimed to be much room for improvement in this respect.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Sept. 16 were 198, against 191 last week, 266 in the like week of 1908, 178 in 1907, 171 in 1906, and 173 in 1905.

Failures in Canada for the week number 39, which compares with 25 last week and 25 in the same week of 1908.—Bradstreet's.

MARKET OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$5.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.25 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.07 to \$1.09; corn, No. 2, 67c to 69c; oats, standard, 58c to 60c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 72c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$14.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 29c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 50c to 60c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.50; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.12 to \$1.15; corn, No. 2 white, 71c to 73c; oats, No. 2 white, 58c to 59c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.75; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.80; wheat, No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.18; corn, No. 2, 67c to 69c; oats, No. 2, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.09 to \$1.10; corn, No. 2 yellow, 71c to 72c; oats, standard, 59c to 61c; rye, No. 1, 68c to 70c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.12 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2 mixed, 71c to 72c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 57c to 59c; rye, No. 2, 71c to 73c.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.07 to \$1.10; corn, No. 2, 70c to 72c; oats, natural white, 42c to 45c; butter, creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, western, 22c to 24c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.02 to \$1.05; corn, No. 3, 59c to 60c; oats, standard, 49c to 51c; rye, No. 1, 70c to 71c; barley standard, 66c to 67c; pork, mess, \$23.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$6.75; hogs, fair

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